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Amin Hafez talks with newsmen in Beirut on Wednesday night, after President Suleiman Franjeh nominated him as Lebanon's new Premier. (AP radiophoto)

BEIRUT TENSIONS HAMPER HAFEZ

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Tense relations between the Le-
banese authorities and the terrorists
appeared yesterday to be hampering
the efforts of Lebanon's Premier-
designate Dr. Amin el-Hafez to form
a new Cabinet.

Several blocs in the Lebanese
Parliament whom Dr. Hafez con-
sulted yesterday, indicated they wanted
the new government to adopt a
line of policy different from that
of outgoing Premier Sa'eb Salam
who had openly supported the ter-
rorist presence in Lebanon. Spokes-
men for these blocs were last night
quoted by Beirut Radio as stressing
that their confidence in Dr. Hafez
would depend on his plans to boost
"Lebanon's integrity" and restore
"stability and security" in the
country.

Hafez's attitude towards the ter-
rorists was not yet known, but
statements made by the country's
top politicians indicated that he en-
joyed considerable support in the
parliament. Hafez, who headed the
parliament's foreign relations com-
mittee, is a protégé of former Pre-
mier Rashid Karami, a staunch foe
of outgoing Prime Minister Salam.
The Beirut press yesterday re-
ported that the terrorist leaders
have decided to set up a special
committee to coordinate relations
with the Lebanese authorities. The

At Security Council U.K., French resolution would condemn Israel

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). —
France and Britain yesterday tabled
a Security Council resolution con-
demning "the repeated military acts
conducted by Israel against Lebanon"
and warning of "further and more
effective steps or measures" in the
event of a repetition.

The Council, which for the past
week has been debating a complaint
by Lebanon following Israel Army
commando raids against targets in
Beirut, is expected to be sum-
moned back into session today to
act on the resolution.

Observers noted that the draft,
aimed at avoiding a possible U.S.
veto, did not call on states to refrain
from providing Israel with any as-
sistance which could facilitate further
such incursions.

Such a provision had figured in
early drafts circulating among Coun-
cil delegates but would almost cer-

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By SAM LIPSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of
State William Rogers yesterday
repeated the American call for
Israel and the Arab states to
negotiate, directly or indirectly,
as the only way to achieve any
progress towards a Middle East
peace.

Mr. Rogers, in the State Depart-
ment's annual foreign policy mes-
sage to the Congress, also empha-
sized the continuing U.S. conviction
that an interim Suez Canal agree-
ment was the most desirable — and
most likely — road to a final peace
agreement. During the coming year,
the Secretary said, the Administra-
tion would actively encourage the
parties to initiate a "genuine nego-
tiating process."

"Outside forces cannot impose a
settlement," he said. "We see no
prospect for any other external
means of narrowing differences."

In his introductory comments to
the 700 page State Department re-
port, Mr. Rogers set out nine ob-
jectives for U.S. foreign policy for
1973. First on the list was the series of ne-
gotiations on strategic arms "limi-
tations and European security; second
was the objective of post-war re-
construction in Asia.

Negotiations in the Middle East,
"the only remaining area of chronic
conflict in the world where no ne-
gotiations are in progress," was the
third objective. While some might
claim that the Arab-Israeli con-
flict was impossible to resolve, the
U.S. believed that progress in other
areas of passionate differences —
Vietnam, Korea, Germany, India and
Pakistan — and the relaxation of
tensions between the major powers,
made 1973 a favourable time for
progress.

Mr. Rogers said that for many
months the U.S. had sought in
the Middle East to convey one fun-
damental point: "That agreement to
negotiation requires no change of
objectives, but only a thoughtful ap-
proach to the possibility of mutu-
ally advantageous accommodation."

MILITARY BALANCE

The U.S. had placed its empha-
sis upon an interim agreement be-
cause "that is where the issues are
most susceptible to successful re-
sults," he said.

Pending a resolution of the Arab-
Israeli conflict, the report said, the
central aim of U.S. policy in the
Middle East remained the prevention
of events that "would cause a break-
down in the merging structure of
world peace."

While efforts to promote a peace
continued, the U.S. believed it was
essential to maintain the military
balance in the region, and through-
out 1973 had provided Israel and
certain Arab states with the neces-
sary arms, Mr. Rogers said.

Noting that in 1972 global events
had a marked impact on the Middle
East, Mr. Rogers said the statement
of principle issued at the conclusion
of the May summit meeting in Mos-
cow had "important implications" for
the Middle East. While the Arab-Is-
raeli problem was not one of the
principal topics discussed, Mr. Rogers
said, both the Soviet Union and the
U.S. agreed to try to prevent the
development of situations which
would risk great-power confrontation.

BIG-POWER AGREEMENT

"There was also recognition that
efforts by either party to obtain un-
ilateral advantage through exploita-
tion of regional disputes, such as the
one in the Middle East, were in-
consistent with the mutually agreed de-
sire for improved Soviet-American
relations," he said.

But the resurgence of terrorism
at Lod Airport and at Munich
"temporarily dimmed" the hopes for
a more favourable negotiating cli-
mate, Mr. Rogers said. Aware that
the open support of certain Arab
governments for the terrorists had
raised the problem of the Middle East
sincerity of their statements that
they were ready to reach a genuine
peace, the U.S. had moved quickly
to get international action to pre-
vent future acts of terrorism.

Saudi oil threat to U.S. reported

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S.
State Department acknowledged yester-
day that a high official from Saudi
Arabia had discussed the problems
of Middle East oil and the Arab-Is-
rael conflict with American leaders.

Press Officer Charles Bray was
asked about published reports
that Sheikh Ahmed Yamani, Saudi
Minister for Petroleum Affairs, had
told American officials his country
would not expand its oil production
unless the U.S. modified its support
of Israel. Mr. Bray said he had no
direct comment on the statements
attributed to Sheikh Yamani by the
"Washington Post" but added that
the Saudi official in discussions with
Secretary of State William Rogers,
"did discuss prospects for Saudi
Arabia increasing oil production
above present levels and there was
an exchange of views on the Middle
East."

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By HIRSH GOODMAN, Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf David Elazar yesterday confirmed that
Egypt has received two squadrons of Libyan Mirage and Iraqi Hunter
warplanes. He told military correspondents in Tel Aviv that Israel
must treat the handing over of the Mirage fighters from Libya to
Egypt seriously, but added that he did not believe that the transfer
would have a drastic effect on the balance of power in the Middle
East.

Israel Radio, quoting authoritative
sources, had said earlier that a
squadron of French-built Mirages
from Libya and a squadron of Brit-
ish-built Hunters from Iraq — 35
warplanes in all — reached Egypt
last week.

Rav-Aluf Elazar said that the
transfer proved the one-sidedness
of the French embargo on arms to
the Middle East. He recalled that
when the contract between France
and Libya was signed, Israel had
voiced fears that the planes were
destined for Egypt. The handing
over of the Libyan squadron of
French fighters had confirmed these
fears, he said. Rav-Aluf Elazar
continued that Israel had also
warned that pilots being trained to
fly the planes in France were
Egyptians holding false Libyan
passports.

The arrival of the Mirages and
Iraqi Hunter jets in Egypt could
intensify the "spirit of adventurism"
current in Cairo, he said.

Israel was not surprised by Egyp-
tian President Anwar Sadat's re-
cent threats, he said, noting that
already last December he had warn-
ed of "developments" in Egyptian-
Israeli relations this spring. This
necessitated a high state of pre-
paredness in the armed forces, and
the forecast of increased Egyptian
hostility was one of the major
reasons for not cutting down the
three-year compulsory service term,
he said.

MUST BE PREPARED

"We must take the Egyptian
threats seriously, even if they are
not entirely logical," he said.
"We have to be prepared for the
illogical."

The Chief of Staff revealed that
the Syrian Army has been greatly
strengthened of late by a virtually
unprecedented flow of Soviet arms.
He did not believe that the build-up
of the Syrian forces would make
them an equal match for Israel, but
warned that a stronger Syrian Army
may encourage the Egyptians to
greater recklessness.

The Chief of Staff was sceptical
as to the chances of the Egyptians
and Syrians being able to coordinate
their fight with Israel, but added
that this is a distinct possibility
which had been taken into account.

Rav-Aluf Elazar reiterated that Is-
rael would not allow renewed hos-
tilities to remain within a limited
framework, should the Egyptians at-
tempt their hand at localized and
restricted action against Israel. "We
will use all the operational means at
our disposal to reply as effectively as
possible," he said.

A shift in Arab policy toward Is-
rael has evolved in the years follow-
ing the Six Day War, he said. Direct-
ly after the war the Arab states had
dedicated themselves to liberating the
administered territories. "Now they
again seem committed to the destruc-
tion of the State of Israel," he said.
He said that it was time the Arabs
faced reality, and instead of per-

added that the public can expect
this policy to continue in the future.
The success of Israel's war on
terrorism is borne out by the re-
cent drop in the number of terrorist
successes and the increase in the
number of their failures, he said.

Whether Israel would again use
methods such as the raid on Beirut
last week, or whether the country
would return to the aerial bombing
of targets, would be dictated by the
needs of the moment, he concluded.

Reporter Charles Weiss added:
Later, at a luncheon with the
Foreign Press Association, Rav-
Aluf Elazar was questioned on the
raid on Beirut, and the use of foreign
passports.

"Israel soldiers carry only their
dogtags and not passports," he said.
"This is as far as the servicemen
go." But he added, "It is no inno-
vation for people on secret missions
to use different passports."

Paris: Israel should prove the charges

PARIS (Reuters). — French offi-
cials yesterday dismissed the claim
by Chief of Staff David Elazar,
that a number of French-built Mi-
rage jets had been transferred from
Libya to Egypt.

Foreign Ministry officials stood by
a formal denial issued last week
of previous reports that the planes
which France sold to Libya were
being transferred to Egypt.

"The Israelis will have to prove
their charges. If they have proof
they should let us know," one gov-
ernment official said, adding that

France was watching the situation.
The French Government officially
warned Libya long ago that if any
of the Mirages delivered for the
defence of Libya ended up in any
of the countries that took part in
the Six Day War, such as Egypt,
then the rest of the delivery would
be cancelled.

Of the 110 Mirages ordered by
Libya from France, about 60 have
been delivered so far. France has
put an embargo on sales of arms
to the front-line Middle East coun-
tries. "Our embargo still stands,"
officials stated yesterday.

Nixon to Jewish leaders: SOVIETS WON'T REIMPOSE TAX

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Pres-
ident Nixon yesterday assured
American Jewish leaders the So-
viet Union had suspended and
would not reimpose its controver-
sial education tax on Soviet Jews
emigrating to Israel.

Mr. Nixon told the group he could
give that assurance on the basis
of communications with Kremlin
leaders. His remark — which was
coupled with an appeal for support
of a proposal to grant tariff con-
cessions to the Soviet Union — was
reported by White House Press
Secretary Ronald Ziegler after an
hour-long meeting.

President Nixon's statement to
the group of 15 American Jewish
leaders went further than reports
on Wednesday that said only that
the Soviet Union had suspended the
tax.

Press Secretary Ziegler said after
yesterday's meeting: "As a result
of exchanges that have taken place

at the highest level between the
President and the Soviet leader-
ship, the President gave assurance
that in his view it (the education
tax) would not be reimposed."

Senator Henry Jackson (Democ-
rat, Washington) has been leading
a drive to deny most favoured na-
tion treatment to the Soviet Union
unless the education tax is revoked.
Sen. Jackson told Israel Radio yester-
day evening there was "nothing
new" in Wednesday's White House
statement that the Soviet Union was
suspending the education tax.

"The key issue involves the ques-
tion of whether or not the Russians
will let people out," Sen. Jackson
said. "And for so many years now
they have just not let people out."

Sen. Jackson said he anticipated
"a hard fight ahead" for the con-
gressional supporters of his amend-
ment, "but I believe we can win this
if we are quiet and steady and firm."
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Sandstorms whipped through the
south, slowing traffic, and the wea-
ther also turned dry and dusty, with
strong winds in Jerusalem and Tel
Aviv last night. The weatherman
predicted low humidity today, and
a drop in temperatures tomorrow.

A few drops of rain fell in the
south. In Jerusalem, the change was
particularly unwelcome, since the
Easter week was reaching a climax
today with the Good Friday proces-
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The weather was attributed to a
low over North Egypt moving east.

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| Safad | 26 | 6-20 | 15-23 |
| Haifa | 24 | 13-25 | 18-29 |
| Tiberias | 26 | 13-25 | 17-22 |
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| Afula | 27 | 10-26 | 18-29 |
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| Qana | 40 | 12-33 | 18-33 |
| Beersheba | 16 | 12-30 | 17-33 |
| Bilat | 26 | 17-30 | 26-30 |
| Tiran | 14 | 20-33 | 22-35 |

Social and Personal

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday addressed officers of the three I.D.F. services in the Northern Command on the I.D.F.'s forthcoming annual work programme.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir yesterday attended the cornerstone-laying ceremony for the Babel Jewish Heritage Centre in Or Yehuda. Also present were Police Minister Shimon Peres and Arye Pincus, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive.

A delegation from the "Musée de l'Homme" (Paris), headed by the Baroness Alix de Rothschild, was welcomed at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem yesterday by Mrs. Esther Reizenberg, Chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel, and Mr. S. E. Yeshaya, Chairman of the HMO Israel Committee.

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ARRIVALS

U.S. Representative Samuel H. Young (Republican, Illinois), and his wife, for a nine-day visit as guests of the Foreign Ministry (by El Al).
David Owen, a former British Cabinet Minister, for an eight-day visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry.
Hanna Blumenthal of the Jerusalem Municipal Psychological Services, from a series of lectures at Heidelberg University.

DEPARTURES

Singer Pat Boone, his family and his group of about 400 pilgrims, to the U.S., after touring Israel.

SANTA KATERINA, the monastery in Southern Sinai, will be closed to the public, except for Egged and Arida tours, from April 22 to April 30, for the Easter holiday.

PILGRIMS FLOCK TO J'LEM

Thousands of Passover pilgrims from around the country participated yesterday in the traditional holiday procession to the Western Wall.
Before setting out at 1 p.m. from Ein Rogel Square near the railway station, they were addressed by Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, Minister for Religious Affairs, and Chief Saphardic Rabbi Ovadia Vasfi.

For the first time since the Six Day War, the procession proceeded through the Jaffa Gate and the Armenian Quarter rather than via Mount Zion.

The Municipal Youth Band and a Hassidic instrumental group provided music. At the Western Wall, the pilgrims joined thousands of other celebrants. They were greeted by Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Shlomo Goren and two tora scrolls were ceremonially placed in an ark alongside the Wall.

A procession of another kind took place in the afternoon in the Mea Shearim Quarter where Rabbi Amram Blau, leader of the Neturei Karta sect, led some 200 demonstrators "celebrating" the 25th anniversary of Israel with a protest march.

Rabbi Blau charged that the sacred name of Israel was being "usurped by a secular, socialist state." The marchers reached the adjoining Zichron Moshe Quarter but were prevented by police from proceeding further. There was no violence and no arrests. Jerusalem Police Chief Haim Breitenfeld took leave of Rabbi Blau by wishing him a *gut yom tov*, a happy holiday.

In Tel Aviv, several hundred former prisoners of Zion held an open-air seder last night and read a special Haggada illustrating the parallels between the flight from Egyptian bondage and the present-day struggle of Russian Jewry. The seder at Kikar Malchut Yisrael drew hundreds of spectators.

TWO KILLED ON ROADS

Two persons, including a nine-year-old boy from Hebron, were killed in road accidents yesterday.

Jaabari Salah ben-Salman, 9, of Hebron, was crossing the road at Shuafat, north of Jerusalem, yesterday at noon when he was struck by a car. He was taken to Hadassah Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The driver of the car was held for questioning.

In another accident, Sami Aharon of Masaryk Beit Hanan was fatally injured shortly after midnight on Wednesday when his car crashed into a parked vehicle in Rehov Hashiryon in Tel Aviv. He died later at Ichilov Hospital. (Itm)



Thousands of Passover pilgrims wend their way from Jerusalem's railway station to the Old City yesterday.

Orna Porat won't take leave of absence from Cameri

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Miss Orna Porat, the Cameri Theatre star, has been asked by the present management to take prolonged leave without pay. Miss Porat is opposed to the idea.

Other veterans like Yosef Yadin and Yitzhak Shilon have been obliged to find work in other theatrical companies. Miss Porat's relations with company manager Yehayahu Weinberg deteriorated ever since she voted against him in the company management on his decision to perform the savagely anti-government "Queen of the Bathhouse."

Following that Miss Porat was dropped from the management and took three years' leave without pay.

Three years ago Miss Porat took leave to establish the state children's theatre for the Education Ministry. Her latest production there of "Anna Frank" earned her acclaim. Last August, her leave being up, she returned to the repertory company and was due to star in O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night," but the production was called off at the last moment.

Recently Miss Porat started performing in a leading role in a private production of Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler." Last week she received a letter from Cameri administrative director Uri Ofer advising her that she had no right to appear on an-

other stage. She was therefore asked to request a further period of leave without pay.

Miss Porat told this reporter that hitherto had never been any fuss about individual actors appearing with small companies. What did matter was when they signed contracts with other established companies. She said she had started to play in "Hedda Gabler" because "I must work as an actress. I have offered my services as an actress and a director to Mr. Weinberg, but to no avail."

Mr. Ofer was only prepared to tell this reporter: "Miss Porat asked the management for more leave and her request was accepted." Other Cameri sources reported that Miss Porat had turned down a role in Nissim Aloni's new production. Questioned on this Miss Porat replied: "They offered it to me only after I was committed to play in 'Hedda Gabler.'"

Miss Porat said the Actors Trade Union was taking up her case because under union rules an actor cannot be forced to take leave of absence against his or her wishes.

Cameri manager Weinberg said yesterday that he considered the company had gone out of its way to be considerate to Miss Porat. He explained: "She wished to run her own children's theatre and she got leave, and when she came back we offered her a very good role in the Nissim Aloni production, but she turned it down. Then she set up a small company called 'Bama 73' for the 'Hedda Gabler' production. As a repertory company we make sure of a performer's salary but we cannot agree to them having two salaries. We do respect her standing but we have to abide by the regulations. We have offered her an extension of leave without pay as is customary."

Histadrut to seek more partnerships

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut-owned industries will be looking for further partnerships with foreign investors at the forthcoming Economic Conference, slated for the end of May.

This emerged from yesterday's meeting at the labour federation's head offices here between 130 top executives of Histadrut companies and members of the Cabinet committee for the economic conference. The latter comprises Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev, and Transport Minister Shimon Peres.

Asher Yadin, Secretary of the Histadrut's Hevrat Ovdim holding company, told the meeting that the Histadrut sector will be fully represented on all committees at the conference. Many conference participants will already have met the Histadrut men a few days before, at the Histadrut-sponsored International Conference on the Role of the Public Economy in a Democratic Society, set to meet from May 22 to 25.

Mr. Yadin pointed out that Hevrat Ovdim was particularly interested in partnerships with private businessmen who could provide special know-how and marketing outlets.

Some 1,000 leading businessmen, half of them new faces, have promised to attend the conference, Finance Ministry Director-General Avraham Agmon told the meeting.

Terrorist gets life for slaying two

GAZA. — A 26-year-old terrorist from the Jabalya refugee camp was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour for murdering two residents of Beit Lehyia in the northern Gaza Strip three years ago.

On March 22, 1970, Hamdan Salim Ibrahim el-Qamar forced a 21-year-old man out of his flat and killed him with a burst of sub-machinegun fire. The following day, el-Qamar and several other members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine abducted a 42-year-old woman from the same village, beat her, cut off her hair and then shot her dead. (Itm)

Premature quints die within hours

ASHKELON. — A Kiryat Gat housewife in her sixth month of pregnancy gave birth to quintuplets here yesterday, but all five died by yesterday evening.
The mother, Kohava Fischer, was rushed to Barzilai Hospital here in the morning after she started having labour pains. The babies — weighing an average half-kilo each — were delivered shortly before noon and placed in incubators. Four of them died within a couple of hours and the fifth toward evening.
Mrs. Fischer had received hormone treatment to induce pregnancy, doctors said. (Itm)

Merchant in Nazareth held as terrorist

Jerusalem Post Reporter
NAZARETH. — Police here early yesterday morning arrested a well-known local merchant on suspicion of membership in a terrorist organization.

The arrest is the result of the seizure of terrorist documents during last week's Beirut commando operation. The merchant detained yesterday is to be remanded today.
The names of the two men arrested have been withheld from publication. The merchant detained yesterday is to be remanded today.

Two other suspects arrested in the last few days are a resident of the old city of Acre and one from Ibelin in Western Galilee.

Shfar'am infant drowns in barrel

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ACRE. — Two-year-old Samira Abu Hdeh, of Shfar'am, drowned in a water barrel outside her home on Wednesday afternoon. She was standing on the balcony, fell into the barrel and drowned before her mother, at work in another room, noticed she had disappeared.
Abdul Hadi, 14, of Nazareth, was badly hurt yesterday morning when a metal object he was playing with exploded in his hands. He is believed to have found it on a refuse dump near Kfar Mahoreh. An investigation was opened to determine what the object was and where it came from.

SOME 800 GADNA youth took part in a rifle target shooting competition this week. The winners will enter the championship competition on Gadna Day, to be held on Lag ba-Omer May 20.

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'Meet the Press' to be filmed in Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A special edition of the famous American television programme "Meet the Press" is shot here on May 4, featuring joint interview with Premier Meir, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and Foreign Minister Abba Ezer. The show has an audience of 10 million spectators.

Lawrence Spivak, veteran of the NBC show — r as the world's oldest TV pro — is coming here especially for the occasion.

Usually the programme of one leading personality is interviewed for half-an-hour panel of newsmen. But in this special edition, the three Cabinet ministers have been asked to appear on the network on Sunday, May 13, in honour of Israel's Independence Day.

The panel will include the correspondent in Israel, Davy Dineen, "New York Times" correspondent in Israel, Terence Long, and probably an American resident in a neighbouring country.

The interview will take place in the Israel Motion Picture Studios in Herzliya.

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The IL150,000 grand prize Mifal Hapayis lottery were yesterday by tickets No. 29, No. 753699, No. 425448 won. Numbers 346398 and 7402 IL12,500. Tickets 050327, 238911 and 775992 won. Tickets ending in 2 won. The following won IL1,250: 384156, 669030, 781519, 028800, 374160, 542052, 023942, 332613, 500885, 022983, 213494, 458358, 006728, 063192, 444165 and 006728.

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QE2 in Ashdod tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ASHDOD. — Port workers were yesterday busy putting the finishing touches to the new 200-metre-long Pier No. 5 here, where Britain's luxury liner Queen Elizabeth II is due to dock tomorrow morning. The pier was prepared in record time by the Port's Engineering Department. Pier No. 5 when completed next January will be 350 metres long. Three tugboats will pull the 300-metre-long liner into port. The port is also bracing itself for

the tightest security measures that it has ever known. Only cars and persons with special passes will be allowed to move inside the port.

Many Ashdodians, who live on high points facing the port, will have a fine view of QE2 coming in. For the curious, and those who would not mind losing some sleep early in the morning, there are many vantage points outside the port from where to watch the liner.

A car park has been paved to accommodate the buses and taxis which will take the passengers on tour during their stay in Ashdod. The liner will move to Haifa at the end of the Passover holiday and remain there for about 10 days before returning here. QE2 will leave the country on May 7, Independence Day night.

There are about 620 passengers and 900 crewmen aboard the liner, and according to foreign reports, more than 30 security men.

ISRAELI JUNIORS TRIUMPH IN INT'L TENNIS TOURNAMENT

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Top Israeli juniors Yair Wertheimer and Danny Katsky yesterday evening scored superb third-round wins against overseas players in the current annual Passover international tennis championships at the Macabbi courts here. Their successes followed that of Gabriel Wolf, who beat a foreign entry on Wednesday night.

Wertheimer came through 6-4, 6-4 against Steve Stefanki, Berkeley University's No. 1 racket and ranked No. 12 in California, while

Kalovsky triumphed 6-1, 7-5 over Australian Phil Martin. Wolf's second-round "victim" was Martin's compatriot Michael Hewitt, formerly Victoria's second-ranking junior, whom he defeated 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

Israel's Davis Cup candidate Ronny Lerner came within two points of joining Wertheimer and Kalovsky in the quarter-finals, before bowing out 3-6, 6-2, 9-11 to ex-South Australian youth champion Mark Cocks. In the tournament's best match to date, both competitors played superb serve-and-volley tennis, with Lerner pounding over an astonishing total of 20 aces, but often being let down by his rather weak backhand.

ASTROUK WINS

Another youngster to catch the eye under yesterday's grey skies was Nissim Astrouk, who took Australia's top-ranking junior Paul Kronk to 6-3, 7-5 in a hard-hitting game.

New Russian immigrant Felix Kaplan last night ended Wolf's winning run, beating him 6-3, 6-2 in impressive style to enter the quarters. In other third-round matches, Yosef Stabholz defeated West German Peter Ollinger 6-2, 6-4, while Rumanian No. 3 Ionel Santeiu showed his power in putting out Reuven Forgas 6-3, 6-1, and Yehoshua Shalman came through 6-4, 6-2 against Gabby Harmat.

In a men's doubles upset yesterday Haimkes Dank and Miller beat Israel's probable Davis Cup pair of Stabholz-Wertheimer 6-2, 7-6. German guests Cora Credyt-Schodwy and Petra Wilms are both

through to the quarters of the women's singles event.
The championships, which end on Monday, continue at the Macabbi courts over the week-end, with play starting at 1 p.m. today and tomorrow.

Ben-Moshe resigns Mapam post

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Naftali Ben-Moshe, the organizational secretary of Mapam, yesterday submitted his resignation to Mapam Secretary-General Meir Talmi. Mr. Ben-Moshe, who is a leader of the anti-Alignment minority in Mapam, which won about a third of the recent party convention's vote, protested the leadership's refusal to convene the party Central Committee to elect the new organizational secretary and political secretary.

In his letter, copies of which were sent to all members of the Mapam secretariat, Mr. Ben-Moshe wrote that he found it impossible to carry on in his job under present circumstances. Therefore, he was taking the step of resigning in order to force the leadership to convene the party Central Committee to elect his successor. He said that he would explain his motives at length at a later occasion.

It is understood that Mr. Talmi has already served notice that he would prefer another party leader to fill the job presently held by Mr. Ben-Moshe, with whom he finds it difficult to cooperate.

While no official reaction was yet forthcoming to Mr. Ben-Moshe's letter, it was learned from reliable party sources that his demonstrative resignation could be regarded as a step in the anti-Alignment minority's campaign inside the party. In the event of a vote, it is not believed that Mr. Ben-Moshe would be re-elected. Instead, Uri Yaffe of Kibbutz Yafum is mentioned as a possible successor.

Fire leaves J'lem family homeless

A 10-member Jerusalem family was left homeless yesterday after fire raged through its flat in the Capital's Mahane Yehuda quarter. The Maman family was evacuated from the house at the corner of Armonim and Agrippas streets, and taken in by neighbours after fire broke out in an adjacent warehouse. Firemen extinguished the blaze, apparently the result of a short circuit, before it could spread into the rest of the Maman family's building.

The municipality has promised to repair the house so that the family, which lost a son in the Six Day War, will not be without a home for long. (Itm)

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U.S. sources, Soviet Jews warn ransom tax may be reimposed

WASHINGTON. — Both U.S. and Soviet Jews yesterday warned that Moscow's decision to drop the education ransom tax did not guarantee the tax would be reimposed later.

Republican leader Hugh Downs on Wednesday said that the President had promised that the education tax would be reimposed indefinitely.

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anger strike 'a 'disservice'

Jerusalem Post Reporter: — The Minister has reacted to an accusation made by the hunger strikers — including eight immigrants — in front of a Minister's Office in Jerusalem that the Government is the cause of the plight of Soviet Jews.

The Minister of Immigrant Absorption, Feled, stated yesterday that the Government is not the cause of the plight of Soviet Jews. He said that the Government is doing everything possible to help them.

The hunger strikers, who started their vigil outside the Prime Minister's Office on Wednesday, are members of the Movement for the Liberation of Soviet Jews, who plan to put up a list in the forthcoming Knesset elections.

Fewer trees to be cut down for road

Jerusalem Post Reporter: — A compromise was reached yesterday between the Department of Public Works and the Jewish National Fund, reducing by about half the 5,000 trees due to be cut down in the Forest of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth near here.

Between 2,000 and 2,500 trees have already been cut down to make way for a highway. The head of the J.N.F. afforestation department, Sharon Weitz, said that under the compromise, the Public Works Department will cut down only trees which hinder the paving of the new road, which is to link settlements in the Emeq with Tiberias.

The trees are 19 years old.

900 social workers stage two-day warning strike

Some 900 social workers yesterday began a two-day warning strike, demanding regrading. Only university graduates walked off the job. Another 1,100 workers held an emergency meeting of solidarity but did not strike.

The Welfare Ministry spokesman said a general 35 per cent wage raise was promised to the social workers. He also said a professional committee would be set up to seek ways of revamping the functions of workers in the various welfare offices, and that the committee would complete its work in four months.

Body of drowned conductor to Cologne

LOD AIRPORT. — The coffin of Hungarian-born conductor Istvan Kertesz, who drowned on Monday while swimming at Herzliya beach, was flown to Cologne yesterday for burial.

Kertesz, 43, musical director of the opera and orchestra in Cologne, was in Israel as guest conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Earlier, the coffin lay in state at the entrance to the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, where Kertesz was eulogized by Judge Shimon Lowenberg, chairman of the Friends of the IPO, and by Daniel Binyamin, on behalf of the IPO management. (Hem)

POISON INSTEAD OF MEDICINE

YERUSHALAM. — Police are looking for a local Kipat Holim member who probably a child — who accidentally received a toxic substance instead of the drug his doctor had prescribed.

The Kipat Holim clinic here alerted the radio Tuesday night that three patients were accidentally given the same poison when they came in to get prescriptions filled at 7 p.m. The radio carried the announcement, and two of the patients returned the "drugs" before they had taken any.

The third victim of the slip-up has not yet been found, and is believed to be a child. (Hem)

Passengers flow into Haifa port

Jerusalem Post Reporter: — Nearly 2,000 tourists, pilgrims, immigrants and regular passengers arrived here in four passenger liners yesterday.

Two Greek ships, the s.s. Eperos and Knossos, brought over 1,100 Greek Orthodox pilgrims from villages in Greece for a fortnight's Easter pilgrimage. They went to Jerusalem where they will celebrate Easter which falls on April 29.

The Greek liner s.s. Regina brought another group of 250 Baptist pilgrims from the U.S. for a five-day stay. The ship arrived a day earlier than scheduled as the organizers, Wholesale Tours of New York, had decided for security reasons to skip her scheduled one-day call in Beirut yesterday.

The Israeli m.s. Nili brought 500 passengers, including 210 new immigrants from South America, mostly from Argentina, and 150 Jewish



The Latin Vicar, Msgr. John Kildany, kisses the foot of one of 12 Catholic monks at yesterday's ceremony of the Mandatum, or Washing of the Feet. The Easter Maundy Thursday service was held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in commemoration of Jesus' act of humility for his disciples. (Steve Nenejian)

Via Dolorosa procession today

Thousands of Christian pilgrims thronged Jerusalem yesterday for Easter Week observances, which will be climaxed this morning by the traditional procession along the Old City's Via Dolorosa, retracing Jesus' last steps.

Groups of different nationalities bearing large facsimiles of the cross will parade in Jesus' last footsteps, stopping at each of the 14 stations marking the highlights of Jesus' last journey on earth. The solemn procession will set out at 11 a.m. from the Omariya school inside the Old City's St. Stephen's Gate where Jesus was believed to have been condemned.

It then goes along the ancient city's winding alleys to the Holy Sepulchre, passing other stations where Jesus received the cross; fell the first time; met the afflicted

mother; was helped by Simon the Cyrene; where Veronica wiped his brow; when he fell the second time; spoke to the daughters of Jerusalem; fell a third time; was nailed to the cross; where he died; laid on the floor and finally buried.

The procession is expected to be predominantly Catholic, although Christians of other denominations usually join the services observed in various rites and languages. Protestants were scheduled to hold earlier processions including a 6 a.m. Devotional Walk along the Via Dolorosa sponsored by St. George's Cathedral.

Today's events will be concluded with church ceremonies. They will be followed by Holy Saturday's resurrection celebrations preceding Easter Sunday.

Yesterday, the Holy Sepulchre was the site of the colourful ceremony of the Mandatum, or Washing of the Feet. The event was led by the Latin Vicar Msgr. J. Kildany who washed and kissed the feet of 12 monks and seminarians in imitation of Jesus' act of humility for his disciples. The afternoon mass was preceded by a mid-morning High Mass officiated over by His Beatitude the Latin Patriarch J.J. Beltritti, who is scheduled to head the weekend church services.

NINE SCHOOL CHILDREN were killed and twelve others injured when the roof of a house collapsed in the Nile Delta village of Beni Amer, "Al Ahran" reported yesterday.

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Haifa weather fails to wilt flower show

Jerusalem Post Reporter: — Undaunted by the erratic weather, thousands of Dutch tulips planted in Gan Ha'em and hundreds of thousands of other flowers continued to delight the crowds visiting the International Flower Show on Mount Carmel here yesterday. Up to last night some 75,000 visitors had seen the show, which opened on Monday. They included groups from homes for the aged, recent immigrants, and West Bank Arabs from as far away as Jericho.

At times yesterday visitors had to queue up to buy tickets or to enter some of the pavilions.

Show director Shmuel Blauk yesterday awarded prizes to nurserymen and home gardeners from all over Israel whose blooms had been chosen by a panel of judges as the best of the show.

Big smuggling bid foiled in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter: — The Customs Police on Wednesday evening seized a hoard of pens, jeans and cosmetics found hidden aboard the Zim freighter m.s. Hadar. They put the value at over IL100,000, including local taxes and customs.

The ship, which had arrived earlier in the day from the U.S., was anchored in the Bay at the time, as she had been prevented from docking by the officers' strike. A Customs Police search party went on board and discovered the haul, packed in 140 parcels hidden in the ventilation pipes of one of the ship's holds.

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U.S. again halts minesweeping operations in North Vietnam

SAIGON. — North Vietnam reported yesterday that the U.S. had suspended the operation to sweep mines from its ports and inland waterways. The U.S. Defense Department later confirmed the report.

Hanoi charged the suspension violated the Paris Peace agreement and the U.S. countered by saying the decision was made "because of

continued cease-fire violations by the other side in South Vietnam and Laos."

Pentagon spokesman Jerry Friedman said in a statement the minesweeping operations were suspended because "of the failure at the other side to abide by the agreements and assurances of Paris."

The statement did not say when the minesweeping operations were suspended and Mr. Friedman would make no further comment.

A statement issued by the North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry and quoted by the North Vietnam News Agency said yesterday the operations had been "unwarrantedly suspended" on Tuesday and that the U.S. had withdrawn its minesweeping crews.

The U.S. first suspended clearing operations in early March when it said Hanoi was delaying the release of U.S. war prisoners. But the issue was resolved in little more than a day and the mine-sweepers went back to work.

The U.S. yesterday also threatened to cut off proposed economic assistance to North Vietnam. A high U.S. State Department official said in Washington that unless Hanoi adheres to terms of the Paris peace agreement, the Nixon Administration will not ask Congress to provide economic assistance.

Associated Press reporters at the scene of the fighting said North Vietnamese-led troops again closed Highway 4, Phnom Penh's only land link with the deepwater seaport of Kompong Som. The U.S.-built road had been reopened only 10 days ago. Cambodian forces were reported to have suffered heavy casualties, with at least 20 dead, 30 wounded and an undisclosed number missing.

All of the major roadways from Phnom Penh have been cut by North Vietnamese and insurgent Cambodian forces in an apparent drive to strangle Phnom Penh and force the collapse of the government of President Lon Nol.

U.S. Embassy sources in Saigon said American concern about the deteriorating situation in neighboring Cambodia would not end with the resumption of regular supply convoys to Phnom Penh.

The operation to sweep mines from North Vietnamese ports, had been halted because the Communist side was not keeping to the Paris agreement in Cambodia or South Vietnam, the sources said.

(Reuter, AP, UPI)

Paper expects indictment of Mitchell

Attorney-General pulls out of Watergate probe

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Attorney Gen. Richard Kleindienst yesterday withdrew from the Watergate investigation because it involves people with whom "I have had personal and professional relationships."

The "Washington Post" reported yesterday that Jeb Magruder, the former No. 2 man in the Nixon campaign, had told federal prosecutors John Mitchell and John W. Dean III approved and helped plan the Watergate wiretapping last year.

Kleindienst served under Mr. Mitchell at the Justice Department before Mr. Mitchell resigned as Attorney-General in order to head the President's re-election campaign.

Magruder said Mitchell and Dean, who is President Nixon's official lawyer, arranged payoffs to defendants in the Watergate case to buy their

silence, according to the "Washington Post."

It also quoted one source as saying Magruder's statements, expected to be repeated before the Federal Grand Jury probing the case, are expected to result in the criminal indictments of both Mitchell and Dean.

The paper also said that sources "in the executive branch" said on Wednesday that White House Chief of Staff H. R. "Bob" Haldeman also may resign as a result of recent Watergate disclosures, though there is no known evidence linking him to criminal involvement.

Magruder, now Director of Policy Planning for the Commerce Department, "chose to talk because he felt the walls were coming in on him," the "Post" quoted one source as saying.

Mr. Mitchell dismissed the "Post" report as "nonsense." Dean and Magruder could not be reached for comment yesterday.

"This gets a little sillier as it goes along, doesn't it?" Mr. Mitchell told a reporter as he left his New York City apartment. "I've had a good night's sleep and haven't heard any of this nonsense." He appeared relaxed as he boarded a chauffeured station wagon and lit his pipe.

Court-martial of anti-war doctor voided on appeal

PHILADELPHIA (AP). — The U.S. Court of Appeals has overturned the 1967 court-martial of Howard Levy, a U.S. Army doctor who refused to give medical training to combat troops on their way to Vietnam.

Levy, 35, then an Army captain stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, was sentenced to three years at hard labour and dismissed from the service. After two years in prison, he was released on bail pending appeals in civilian courts.

As one of the first cases of protest within the military against the Vietnam war, Dr. Levy's stand and subsequent court-martial attracted widespread publicity.

Dr. Levy, contacted in New York where he practices dermatology, said he thought he had been "vindicated by the court's action. Very few people agreed with my position at the time, but it's become clear that the U.S. was using medicine for political purposes in South Vietnam, and that was immoral."

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Bonn also complains on forged passport

By BRIAN ARTHUR, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — The West German Government yesterday voiced its "may" to Israel Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Horin that a "forged man passport" was used in preparing the Israeli commando week against Arab terrorist headquarters in Beirut.

The head of the Foreign Office Third Political Department, Lothar Lahn, summoned Mr. Ben-Horin to tell him that the Bonn Government expects there will be no repetition of the incident in the future.

Competent observers in the West German capital considered the affair a touchy one, in view of Chancellor Willy Brandt's trip to Israel in June.

Unlike previous Israel-Arab incidents, such as the downing of the Libyan jet over Sinai earlier this year in which Bonn has issued statements critical of Israel, the Beirut action appears directly to touch ties between Bonn and Jerusalem, these observers noted.

For this reason they detected a strong concern in Bonn that everything be avoided in future which might cloud the atmosphere for Mr. Brandt's June visit.

Mr. Lahn said that use of the false passport "violated international law" and requested a thorough explanation from Mr. Ben-Horin.

The Foreign Office would not reveal the nature of the "available information" which it said showed the passport, presumably used by

Pregnant woman hit in Ulster cross-fire

BELFAST (UPI). — A woman passerby suffered wounds in a machinegun attack by a British Army patrol in a Roman Catholic Falls Road area yesterday, an army spokesman said. The woman was riding in the rear of an ambulance, wounding three soldiers seriously. The woman was taken to a hospital.

Army sources said British and police have mounted watch at Northern Ireland sea ports in the belief that the IRA is attempting to move weapons from the Easter Sunday.

A guerrilla lobbed a grenade at a bus in a Catholic district where it operates. The grenade exploded.

Another was hurled at a car in East Belfast, but ties were reported in the earlier, customers fled Ulster Bar in Strabane, a Catholic district where a bomb was planted before a bomb was exploded.

Two masked men were planting the bomb outside everyone inside ran for it. They got about 50 yds when the bomb exploded and was hurt.

Bangladesh cyclone may reach

DACCA (Reuter). — Yesterday counted its casualties from the cyclone that hit the coastal area, the old state, formerly East Pakistan. The official count so far 1,600 in hospital injured, house checks are expected the casualty figures.

Relief agencies operating in the area, Manikganj, say more victims are to be found and locally-organised groups fear, on the 10th anniversary of the cyclone, that the death toll may reach 10,000. Only a week ago, a cyclone through the district of 130 kms an hour leaving people dead.

Prime Minister Sheikh Rahman toured the Manikganj area yesterday people that everything being done to help them.

Italian P.M. hands Nixon 'idea' for M.E. solution

WASHINGTON (AP). — Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti said on Wednesday he presented President Nixon with "an idea which could lead to a gradual solution of the Middle East problem."

Mr. Andreotti declined to go into any details at a Blair House news conference for American newsmen, saying that "secrecy is needed" if there is a hope for success.

"We are going to pursue this idea but we know that the solution itself is up to the Arabs and the Israelis," he said, adding that President Nixon was interested in his proposals and promised that they will be studied by U.S. experts on the Middle East situation.

Italy, Mr. Andreotti stressed, is a Mediterranean country having friendly relations with both sides of the Arab-Israeli dispute and "I think we have a certain function." Mr. Andreotti withstood repeated efforts by newsmen to discuss his ideas on the Middle East situation.

He admitted that a dialogue is needed between the two sides and referring to various earlier international conferences where the shape of the conference table created so much initial difficulty, said, "Thus far only the table was not invented at which Arabs and Israelis could sit together."

S. Korea reaches youth soccer semi-final

TEHRAN (Reuter). — South Korea reached the quarter-finals of the 15th Asian Youth Soccer Tournament here when they beat India 1-0 in Group A yesterday. In yesterday's other match, in Group C, Singapore provided an upset by beating Thailand 2-1.

South Korea's winning goal against India came in the 70th minute, when their star mid-fielder Yoo Dong Choon fired in a shot from 20 yards. Singapore's goals both came from headers by centre-forward Brian Batchelor, in the 14th and 42nd minutes.

Cruising gunman kills old woman, two children

HOUSTON. — Police charged a 21-year-old man with murder Wednesday night, after a bloody afternoon shooting spree which left two children and an elderly woman dead.

Another two other children were wounded when a man police identified as Larry Casey cruised through a section of the city in his car, firing indiscriminately at people he saw.

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HANOVER (Reuter). — A heavy West German police guard was put around Israel pop singer Daliah Lavi as she left here for London yesterday following a threat against her by professed Black September supporters.

The threat was made in a letter to the hotel where Miss Lavi was to have stayed on Wednesday night in Brunswick, near Hanover, after her last concert in a 17-day West German tour.

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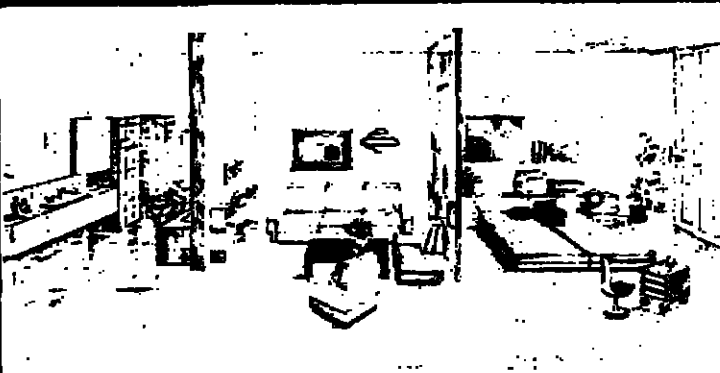
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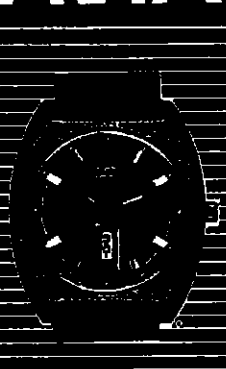
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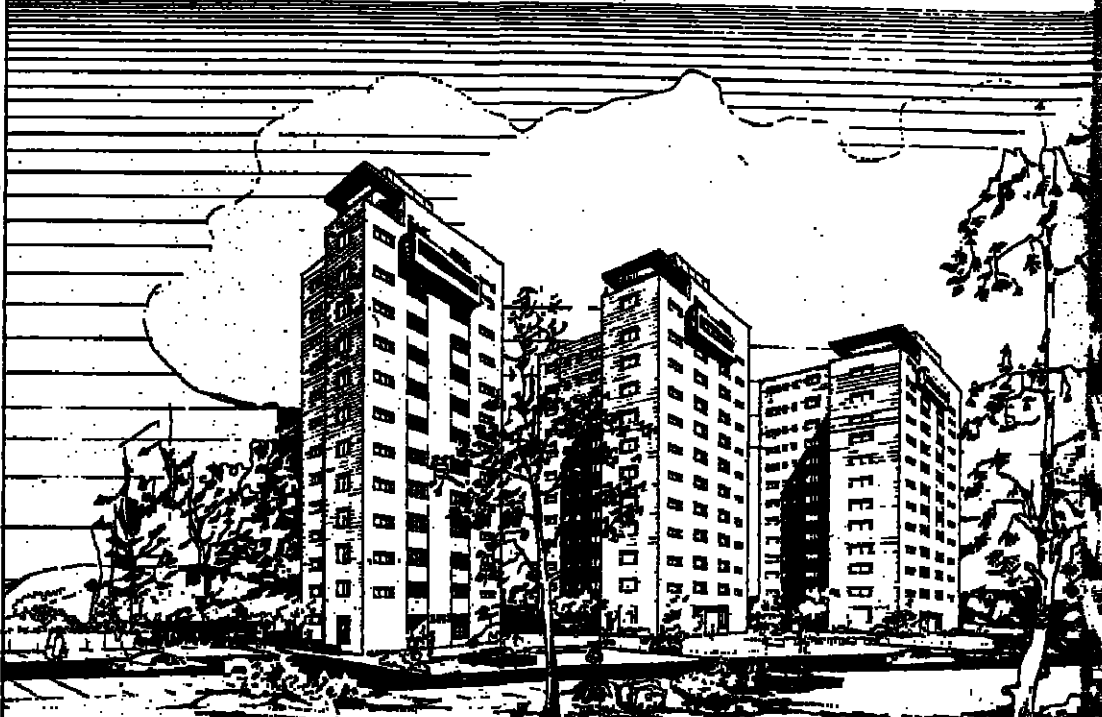
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German Chancellor Willy Brandt and President Tito of Yugoslavia photographed during their talks on Brioni, Tito's island retreat, today. (AP radiophoto)

Brandt, Tito agree on reparations

BRIONI, Yugoslavia. — Chancellor Willy Brandt and President Tito yesterday agreed on long-term economic cooperation to replace individual reparations payments to Yugoslav victims of the Nazi occupation in World War II.

A communique published at the end of the West German leader's four-day visit said both sides agreed on most international issues discussed and that West Germany and Yugoslavia decided to strengthen cooperation against terrorism.

Agreement was also reached in discussions concerning European security and balanced troop reductions which must not be at the expense of any part of the European continent, the communique said.

The communique announced further negotiations about economic and other cooperation without specifying exact dates.

In the international sphere, the communique said Mr. Brandt and the Yugoslav leader had held a broad exchange of views, and there was considerable accord on numerous points. But the communique did not mention specifically that the two sides could cooperate in preparing for a European security conference or for force reduction talks in Vienna, which Mr. Brandt had advocated in statements earlier this week.

The communique said the Middle East and Indo-China situations gave cause for "grave concern," and it was necessary to find solutions as quickly as possible on the basis of the U.N. Charter.

President Tito accepted an invitation to visit West Germany at a date to be set through diplomatic channels, the communique added. (AP, Reuters)

J.S. investigating robot air force

BRK (UPI). — The Pentagon is considering the possibility of using robot planes to replace bombers, according to the "Business Week" magazine said a "high-level" committee headed by Maj. Burns was conducting a study of the so-called remotely piloted vehicle (RPV) with a special

task force composed of all U.S. Air Force commands.

Although the periodical said use of the RPVs was probably several years away, it said the robot planes "appear ready now to perform such missions as radar jamming, high-altitude photo reconnaissance and strikes against ground and sea targets."

"Much of the research is centered on how to land the craft," the magazine said. "Current recovery methods, by parachute and helicopter retrieval, have a five per cent failure rate. The Air Force wants to cut this to one per cent," the magazine said.

The robot planes would be flown by bomber or fighter pilots seated on the ground at a console, just as if they were in the planes and flying on instruments. Or the planes could be flown by a pilot at a console in a second airplane — out of the line of enemy fire. "Business Week" said.

In Vietnam drones were used on selected photo reconnaissance, strike and radar jamming missions, "with promise of great success," the magazine said.

"Business Week" said the robot plane development could mean "the beginning of a revolution in air war." It concluded: "Though many high-ranking pilots resist the notion of a robot air force, many others contend it is inevitable. They foresee fleets of unmanned bombers, for example, by the end of this decade."

Airlines won't pay bills of 24 Ugandans stuck at Orly

PARIS (UPI). — Two national airlines argued yesterday over responsibility for 24 former Uganda residents of Indian origin stranded for a week at Orly Airport since they were refused entry by three nations.

The airlines, Air France and Kuwait Airways, debated who should pay a lodging and food bill for the group, consigned to the airport transit zone. They have flown more than 40,000 kms. since leaving New Delhi three weeks ago and have been refused by immigration authorities here, in Tokyo and in London, their original destination.

An Air France spokesman denied his company was responsible. "Kuwait Airways is responsible. These people left New Delhi on Kuwait tickets and used Air France tickets, bought in Kuwait, only between Paris and London."

A Kuwait Airways representative also rejected liability but added that a company official was negotiating the group's passage back to India.

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WHITEHALL BLAMES ISRAEL FOR IMPASSE, WANTS ISRAELI GESTURE

Britain puts down foot firmly — on the Arab side of the fence

By DAVID LENNON

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Britain wants Israel to make a magnanimous gesture to break the current impasse in the Arab-Israeli dispute. Lord Balfour, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, has said so. He and his senior colleagues are firmly convinced that the blame for the present situation lies with Israel, and that therefore it is with Israel — and not the Arabs — that the key to the dispute lies.

It is now more than six months since Whitehall made it known to Israel that this was the British view. Therefore, it should have come as no surprise to the Israeli Foreign Ministry when Britain supported an anti-Israel resolution at the U.N. late last year. That Britain is again involved in an anti-Israel resolution at the current session of the Security Council is merely a logical development of this attitude.

Months ago, Foreign Office officials told me that while Britain is straddling the fence between the two sides in the Middle East dispute, the fence is rather high; they might have to put a foot down from time to time on one side. Yesterday they told me, "You know that we want friendly relations with all states." But they did not deny that they may be resting one foot on the Arab side of the fence.

Despite denials from both the British Foreign Office and the Israeli Embassy here that there has been any worsening of relations, there can be no doubt that there have been happier times in the relations between the two countries.

Israel Ambassador Michael Comay declined on Wednesday to say that the action of Britain at the Security Council and the noisy protest over the use of Israeli passports for the Beirut raid denoted any hardening of the British stance

towards Israel. "It is premature to draw a conclusion that the British attitude has hardened," he said.

Mr. Comay made the remark before he had seen the full text of the speech at the Council by British delegate Sir Collin Crowe. After seeing the text he may be better able to judge the situation.

Britain is convinced that Israel is in the wrong, and is no longer prepared to keep quiet about this. When the opportunity presents itself, British diplomats are stating quite openly that Israel's behaviour is unacceptable in British eyes.

It may soothe the brows of some Israeli diplomats to express the belief that the British attitude stems from the U.K.'s need to keep in with the Arabs because of oil. This argument simply doesn't hold water — or oil either. Britain has always been dependent on Arab oil, and as a trading nation, could always see the difference between the relative sizes of the Israeli and Arab markets.

Unpalatable though it may be, Israel is going to have to accept the fact that the British attitude stems from a genuine belief that the Egyptians have made peace proposals and shown a conciliatory spirit, and that it was Israel's failure to respond which has dragged out the impasse.

The British are also seriously worried about the counter-terror programme on which Israel has embarked. Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home and his officials have made it quite clear that they believe that governments should not descend to the level of terrorist organizations.

Sir Collin's remarks about Israel becoming a party to international anarchy was not based on a desire to suck up to the Arabs, but a distaste for the mutual assassinations which have

been taking place all over Europe during the past few months.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan complained recently that the vast majority of Black September terrorists captured abroad have been freed. A few years ago Leila Khaled was freed by Britain. But more recently the British detained, tried and gave an 18-month prison sentence to a Fatah lieutenant who was caught with arms at London airport.

Despite all the ballyhoo over the opening of a Palestine Liberation Organization office in London, no office was ever opened because the British, with Israel's prodding, let it be known that such an event would be unwelcome.

On these two points, Britain has a much better record than any other European state. We should note them before comforting ourselves by saying that the recent unfriendly statements just reflect Britain's biased, pro-Arab stance.

What has really happened is that two sovereign states have reached differing conclusions about a certain situation. Both states have come to these conclusions after due study, and not because of any illogical distaste for each other.

It is perfectly possible for Britain and Israel to maintain good relations, despite this difference of opinion. It will not be helped by dismissing the British as pro-Arab.

In this, Ambassador Comay has shown eminent good sense. He has refused to be tempted to declare an emergency. Rather, he has treated the current British attitude and complaints as something which is regrettable but which can be lived with. In the meantime, he continues to work to persuade the British of the justice of Israel's actions and to develop Anglo-Israeli relations in other spheres, more beneficial to both sides.

Small crowd at Warsaw Ghetto ceremony

WARSAW (AP). — Under gray clouds and in driving rain Warsaw's former Jewish Ghetto reverberated yesterday to the short roll of military drums.

It was there, 30 years ago, that thousands of Polish Jews were massacred when they rose against the Nazis in their walled-off Ghetto.

Amid a sea of flames that flicked

out of nearly every tenement window, 20,000 men, women and children were done to death on the spot. Over 40,000 survivors were immediately shipped to the gas chambers.

To honour the dead the Polish state yesterday marked the anniversary with a simple wreath-laying ceremony in the former Ghetto. The only thing that remains of it today

is a large empty square, flanked by state apartment houses.

There were no big crowds and no speeches. Only about 500 civilians, mostly from state-run organizations, turned up for the occasion. The U.S. Ambassador to Warsaw, Richard Davies, was one of the few diplomats who observed the anniversary. He, too, laid a wreath, an hour after the state ceremony ended.

According to Polish authorities "nobody was invited from abroad." Since foreign Jewish organizations would have been the ones most interested, the move was apparently designed to avoid any political sensitivity. Poland's diplomatic relations with Israel were broken off after the Six Day War.

Despite the fact there were no official invitations, it didn't preclude foreigners from turning up under their own steam. Last month 35 American Jews, under a programme sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal of New York, came to Warsaw on a private basis to honour the dead.

In yesterday's ceremony 70 Polish soldiers, bayonets fixed, and their officers with sabres raised in salute, stood motionless before the Ghetto monument. A short line of civilians carrying red and white carnations, including wreaths, solemnly presented them to two Polish guardsmen

who laid the floral tributes neatly around the base.

By the time of its destruction 30 years ago only 65,000 persons remained of the Ghetto's original 400,000 inhabitants. Most of them had been gassed, while tens of thousands died from hunger and disease. Bodies lay in the gutter and on pavements became a common sight.

In April 1943 the Jews decided to fight back with weapons smuggled over the walls by Polish underground fighters.

The crackdown came on April 19, when the Nazis stormed the Ghetto in force, finally using planes, tanks and flamethrowers. The uneven battle raged for 28 days until the Nazis razed every building.

Goldmann says 10,000 died for lack of 'a few million'

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said yesterday that 10,000 Rumanian Jewish children perished during World War II because American Jews were too slow in raising "a few million dollars" to ransom them from the Germans.

He was speaking at a symposium on the Holocaust, held by Yad Vashem at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem. The symposium also marked the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Dr. Goldmann said the Germans had offered to free the children in exchange for the money. "President Roosevelt had approved the deal," he said, but the American Jewish organizations who were supposed to raise the money took too long.

When the sum was finally assured, the children were already dead, he said.

The veteran Jewish leader also recalled that when world Jewish leaders declared an anti-Nazi boycott prior to the war, "many voices were raised in protest among U.S. Jewry, claiming that Jews should not interfere in U.S.-German relations."

"We have no right to criticize those Jews who were murdered for letting themselves be slaughtered like lambs," Dr. Goldmann said, "when we ourselves, Jews and Gentiles alike, did not do enough to save them — either because we didn't know, or didn't want to believe, the satanic plans of Hitler and his cohorts for the 'final solution'." (JWP)

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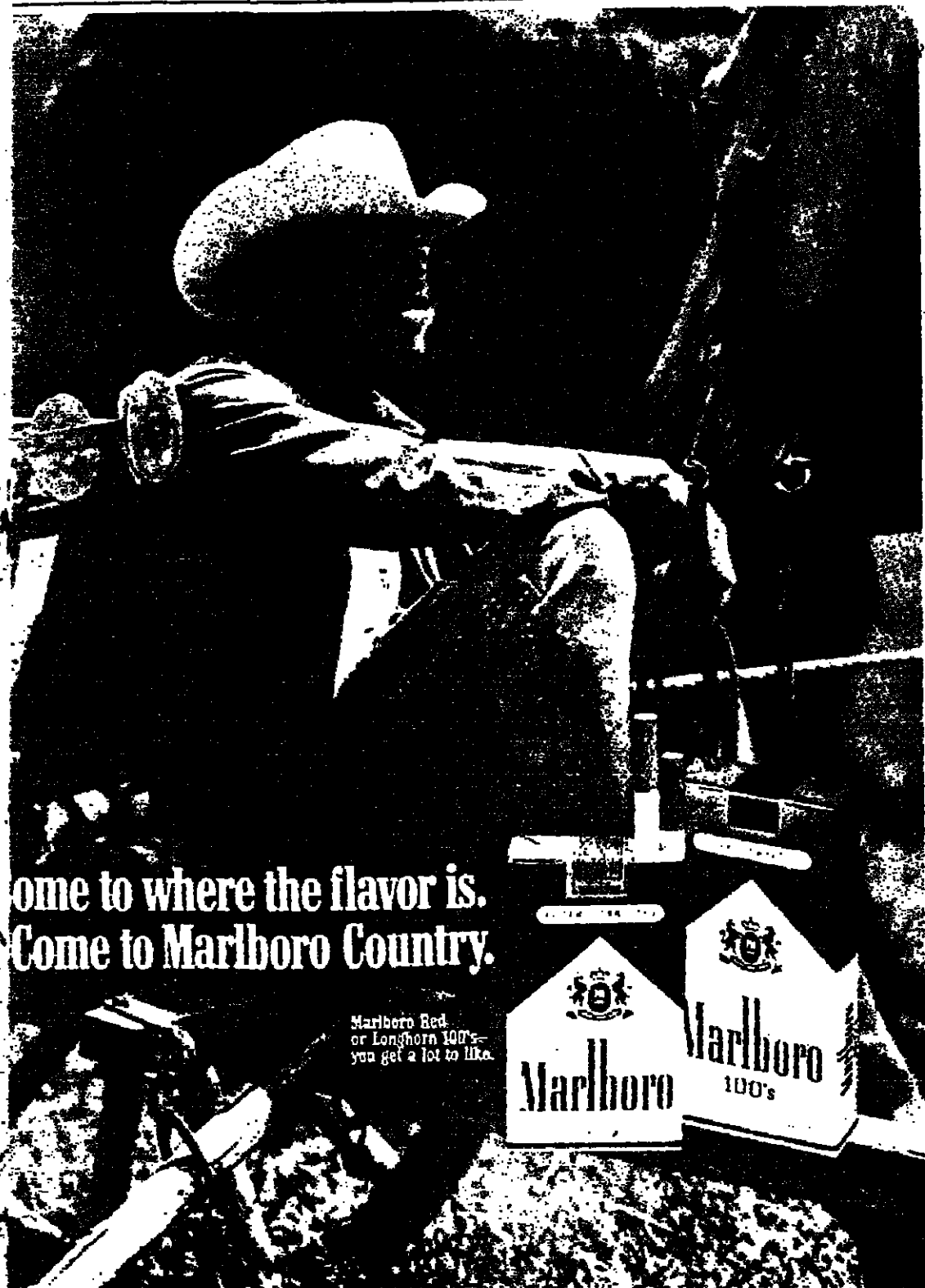
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Dan's trial articulated bus plies the 51 route in Tel Aviv.

Tel Avivians ogle double-length bus

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Traffic nearly came to a standstill yesterday, and pedestrians stopped and ogled, as an extra-long trailer-like Swedish bus began a trial run here.

The 18-metre vehicle — nearly twice the length of the standard bus — can carry more than 160 persons. 74 of them seated. It is made by the Swedish Volvo firm and is being tested by Dan, the urban bus co-operative. Dan will decide whether to order such buses during the next two weeks.

The bus is made up of two parts, connected by steel plates which give it an accordion-like swing taking curves.

Hans Johansson, the field service engineer of Volvo, told The Jerusalem Post that the first part of the articulated bus has a shorter wheel-base (the distance between the front and rear wheels) than the standard buses in Israel, about 5.25 metres compared to 5.50 metres. This enables it to take corners more easily. The bus carries a turbo-charged diesel engine which emits very little exhaust. 28 Hartzberg units, which is less than half of the ideal smoke out-put of a standard Diesel engine. The

engine is also much quieter, producing only 83 decibels to the 90 emitted by the standard buses.

The engine must be overhauled every 500,000 kms. or more, depending on the driver, compared to about half that amount (again depending on the driver) for the standard bus engine. The bus is also lower, 80 cms. from the ground compared to 1.10 metres or more on the standard buses. This makes it easier to board.

Minister of Transport Shimon Peres, who took part in the trial run, seemed pleased with the ride: "The bus sounds quieter and is flexible." If these buses could cut in half the number of buses plying the crowded streets of Tel Aviv during peak hours, they could ease the traffic situation somewhat, he said.

"For example, we checked and found that during the peak hours there are more than 100 buses per hour travelling on Allenby Street. If we can cut this number to 50, and also lower the number of buses going in and out of a bus station, we will have done quite a lot." The Minister believes that double-decker buses are not practical for Israel, mainly because people would not want to climb up to and down from the second floor.

Beware of Greeks bearing vases

LONDON (AP). — A gang of art forgers pushing fake archaeological treasures was discovered in London yesterday and officials at the British Museum feared it might also be operating in foreign cities.

At least four fake Greek vases were spotted when the gang tried to sell them to dealers. But authorities suspect some of the phony treasures may have already been sold to unsuspecting dealers and collectors.

At least two dealers were deceived by the genuine-looking eight-inch-tall vases. Another is believed to have been scheduled for sale by a well-known auction house.

All the detected fakes were accompanied by forged British Museum certificates of authenticity. The Museum said last night all the certificates were headed "Department of Greek and Romano-British Antiquities" — a non-existent department.

One of the duped dealers told newsmen the fake Greek vase he was offered was brought in by a young man claiming he was a skin-diver who found it in a wreck.

The other dealer said two men told him the vase he saw came from a German museum selling off surplus antiquities.

Peking diplomats seek Washington 'home'

WASHINGTON (AP). — A diplomatic delegation from the People's Republic of China began looking for permanent quarters here yesterday. The 10-man delegation arrived on Wednesday to open a

liaison office here, marking the end of a 23-year diplomatic void between the US and Chinese Communists.

Han Hsu, deputy chief of the PRC Liaison office, told a delegation of five Chinese from the Washington area that "we want to express our thanks to all Chinese-Americans and our warm greetings to all of our American friends."

The State Department sent a five-man delegation to Dulles international airport to greet the group. Three of the five spoke Chinese but found that the Chinese group was equally proficient in English.

The brief greeting ceremony had an emotional warmth about it. Herbert Levin, the State Department's deputy director of Japanese affairs, made a personal, rather than official, appearance to greet his Harvard roommate, Chi Chao-Chiu.

Chi, who has been the chief English interpreter for Premier Chou En-lai, roomed at Harvard with Levin in 1948 and 1949. In the intervening years, the two have been aware of each other's careers even during the roughest periods in

Washington-Peking relations, said Levin, but they have not met.

The Chinese delegation left in a motorcade of black limousines for the downtown Mayflower Hotel with an escort of National Park police. They have reserved suites of rooms and working space in the hotel for the immediate future. Han Hsu was to call at the State Department yesterday to begin arranging details for acquiring a more permanent space for the Chinese delegation.

Supplementary welfare allotments up in 1972

The Welfare Ministry had to supplement the wages and National Insurance allowances of 5,500 persons during 1972, it was reported yesterday at a meeting of the Ministry's senior staff.

There were 4,200 wage-earners whose salaries, even with cost-of-living allowances and large-family grants, left them below the poverty line. There were also 1,300 widows and divorcees who needed supplementary allocations, in addition to allotments from the National Insurance Institute.

The proportion of families receiving supplementary allocations went up from 10 per cent of all welfare recipients in 1971 to 14 per cent last year, the Ministry spokesman said.

The largest category of welfare recipients — 55 per cent in 1972 — are disabled and chronically ill persons.

ASTRONAUT. — Fred Haise, one of the astronauts on the Apollo 13 moon mission which almost ended in tragedy, is leaving the space corps to become an executive in the U.S. space shuttle programme, it was announced in Houston, Texas, on Wednesday.

Philosophers plan to form national unit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The first national congress on philosophy in Israel which took place on April 18 and 19 at the Negev University in Beersheba, resolved yesterday to immediately begin forming a national organization of philosophers in Israel.

Dr. Marcelo Dascal, coordinator of the Negev University philosophy department, told The Post that at present there is only one local organization of philosophers in Jerusalem.

As an example of the need for a national organization, Dr. Dascal noted the coming congress for philosophers in Sofia, Bulgaria. He said that when Israeli philosophers applied individually for an entry visa they were turned down and told to come to the Bulgarian border, where their visa applications would be considered.

"If we ask individual Western Jewish philosophers to put pressure on Bulgaria," Dr. Dascal said, "it does not have the same effect as when we speak as a strong national organization."

Over 30 lectures on various philosophy trends were delivered at the Beersheba congress. Three hundred persons participated and plans are being made to publish the proceedings.

Rolf Pauls accred as envoy in Peki

TOKYO (AP). — Rolf Pauls, Germany's first ambassador to Communist China, presented credentials to acting President P.T. Wu in Peking yesterday. A broadcast from the New China News Agency said Pauls was accompanied to the ceremony by Rohreke, minister at the embassy, and counsellors Steger and Ulrich Meyer. Mr. Pauls was the first German envoy to Israel.

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Market continues mixed

The market was mixed yesterday and volume was lower than the previous day. The market was down 1.5 points, ending at 323.35 (35,700 traded). A few shares which were sold on Wednesday caused a no definite profit-taking.

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Officers end 5-day ship strike

By YACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Merchant Marine Officers Union called off its five-day strike Wednesday night after reaching agreement on a wage dispute.

Representatives of the officers and the shipping conference hammered out an agreement after midnight following more than five hours of negotiations. But although they reached full agreement on new wage scales for ships' officers, they left for "a later date" the contract for ships' masters and chief engineers.

Both the union and the shippers' negotiator, Moshe Kashti of Zim, refused to divulge details of the agreement reached, but The Post learned that they compromised on the two paragraphs in the officers' contract which had been disputed. These were the demand for changes in the payment of officers' overtime so that they would be paid for actual time worked rather than the present lump sum payment, and the demand for a 10 per cent dollar devaluation compensation for the part of the officers' wages paid in dollars. Zim had offered five per cent.

It was learned that the officers made the agreement conditional on the premise that they would not have to pay higher income tax rates than the greatly reduced ones they enjoy now. Their tax is low because their foreign currency earnings are assessed much below value, which is a form of concealed subsidy for the shipping companies, making it possible to give the men a high net income.

Though both sides insisted that the agreement was within the 40.2 per cent rise framework, it appears that the compromise will exceed the limit by several per cent.

As for the masters and chief engineers, it was agreed that they will receive a 11.1,000 net advance after their contract is signed.

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Chemical engineers conference Gov't starving chemical industry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Deep concern for the future of Israel's chemical industry — due to a Government "trauma" over the Arad chemical complex failure — was voiced at the ninth national convention of the Chemical Engineering Society here yesterday.

The members, meeting at the Technion, also charged that the failure had been the Government's own fault.

The Society's president, Technion professor Samuel Sideman, said "an atmosphere of unemployment and listlessness" now permeated the industry. The Government, "still in the grips of its trauma," was not allocating the money needed to develop the infrastructure and prepare for expansion of the chemical industry, one which he described as "vital" for the country's industrial development.

As a result the plants were hiring no new men, and several dozen young Israeli chemical engineers — plus a number of new immigrants — were unemployed. Worse than the actual unemployment figures was the demoralization and "dead end" feeling in the industry, Prof. Sideman warned, calling on the Government to resume its investments in the industry.

Technion President Alexander Goldberg, who had originally envisioned the Arad complex, called the Arad failure, an example of "technological decisions being taken out of the hands of technologists by politicians." (Dr. Goldberg's ideas, since described by experts as "sound," were not applied at Arad, which was in the end planned and built by an American firm).

The complex's General Manager, Shimon Friedman, struck a conciliatory note. He admitted that big mistakes had been made, but said they could be corrected and that he expected the complex would be back on its feet within two to three years.

Meir Amit, director of the Hadrat-owned Koor Industries, told the convention that national funds were not being directed as they should be for industrial development. There was no reason why Israel's industry should not be as well developed as its agriculture and defence, he said, citing proliferation of authority as one of the reasons for the lag. Three ministries — Finance, Commerce and Industry and Development — share concern for industrial development, he noted.

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U.S. inflation hits 6 per cent

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Commerce Department yesterday reported the U.S. economy advanced at a rate of 14.3 per cent during the first quarter of the year, with inflation soaring at a rate of 6 per cent.

The Department said the U.S. Gross National product rose \$40.6 billion from January through March to reach a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.235 trillion dollars.

The rate of inflation of 6 per cent during the period was bad news for the economy. It was the biggest quarterly jump since the fourth quarter of 1970 when it was 6.3 per cent.

EL AL SUEZ FOR SPOILED GOOSE LIVER

TEL AVIV. — A ton of spoiled goose liver is the subject of a \$155,000 damages claim lodged in court yesterday against El Al and British European Airlines by the Israel Poultry Board.

The Board claims it sent the 1971 Christmas shipment of high-grade liver by El Al for fast delivery to Paris, but the load reached its destination three days late and was spoiled.

In its defence, El Al says the plane was delayed by bad weather over Orly Airport, and had to land in London. In London the company tried to find a carrier for the liver, but other airlines also were unable to fly into Paris.

El Al says it refrigerated the liver in London, and that it must have been ruined before it was put on the plane.

The company finally got a BSA plane to fly the goods to Paris. BSA says in its defence that it had no knowledge of the state of the liver, and brought it to Paris the day it received the load.

The case will be heard by the Tel Aviv District Court.

CIGARETTE ADDICTS will soon be able to benefit from branches which the Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking plans to open in the main cities. The Society says it had 2,500 applications from smokers in one week since it began an advertising campaign in the press. Its address is P.O. Box 4131, Jerusalem.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Moscow's dubious assurances

LAST month the Soviet authorities made known they would stop demanding the education tax from Jews wishing to emigrate, but said the measure would remain on the books. Wednesday's statement in Washington by Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott does not substantially go beyond what the Soviets said before. The only new element is that the Kremlin apparently gave some kind of assurances to Mr. Nixon that the tax would not be enforced.

As Professor Benjamin Levich said yesterday in Moscow, this is a forward step, yet it leaves the basic problems untouched. Whatever written assurances Moscow gave to the White House, they must, at best, be considered general letters of intent. And as sceptical U.S. Congressmen and Senators said, the Russians will be free at any time to impose the tax whenever and on whom they see fit. Presumably they would act with care until Mr. Nixon is able to steer through Congress the trade treaty that would grant the Soviet Union most favoured nation status.

Given the White House's keen interest in obtaining passage of the trade bill, thereby adding a further building block to the developing entente between the two powers, it is clear that Mr. Nixon is anxious to present the Soviet assurances in the best possible light. Moreover, the administration is in general not happy with the effort, spearheaded by Senator Henry Jack-

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

U.K. and France charged with encouraging terror

Davar (Eilat) accuses both Britain and France of encouraging Arab terrorism and denying Israel's right to self-defence against this terrorism. The paper is not surprised by the attitude of the French Government, "which is consistent in its pro-Arab policy," but remarks upon a change in the British Government's attitude.

Ha'aretz (non-party), discussing, inter alia, the British suggestion that the voyage of the Queen Elizabeth to Israel be cancelled and more especially the British delegate's vigorous denunciation of the Beirut raid at the Security Council, remarks: "Britain has seemingly discovered in the issue of Arab terrorism an opportunity to gain Arab sympathy, even though it be at the cost of deterioration of international security."

Ha'aretz (National Religious) cites the British and French attitudes as an example of a lack of decency in international relations. She'arim (Fouad Agudat Yisrael) suggests that "Britain's support for the Arabs is part of a broader

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ISRAEL AND THE 'PALESTINE ISSUE'

WE Israelis make no pretensions of determining whether there is or is not a "Palestinian entity." This decision is the privilege of the Arabs themselves. As a result of the war imposed upon us in 1948 some of the Arabs of Palestine left and wandered to other places. None the less I reject the contention that "two and a half million Arabs are wandering about the world without a homeland."

There is complete distortion in any comparison between the situation of the Jews in the Diaspora who are without a homeland and between the Palestinians. The Palestinian Arabs live among their brethren, with whom they share a common religion, culture and language. The Arabs themselves declare that they are a single Arab nation — albeit a nation which stretches over eighteen independent states.

The difference and distinction between an Arab from Judea or Samaria living today in Amman and an Arab who has for generations lived on the East Bank of the Jordan is much less than the difference and distinction among Jews from various lands — yet we absorb these Jews and blend with them into one nation. Whoever speaks in terms of balance and analogy between the Jewish problem on the one hand and the Palestinian problem on the other, is ignoring the fact that this parcel of land in which we have established the State of Israel is the only one in which the Jewish people can be sovereign and in which every Jew can live with his fellow-Jews in independence.

No, an Israeli who hears such a comparison and is persuaded by it is only a step away from accepting the concept of "the plundered land" and everything implied by it.

The Palestinian refugee problem has not yet been solved only because the Arab states have kept it unsolved for use against us. A shocking example of this was the situation prevailing in the refugee camps in 1967 when we entered the Gaza Strip. The Egyptian government, for instance, did not extend Egyptian citizenship to the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip, nor did it allow them to work or to move anywhere else.

In contrast with the strange behaviour of some of the Arab states, the government of Jordan extended Jordanian citizenship to the Arabs of Palestinian origin within its territory. Citizenship was bestowed upon the residents of Judea and Samaria as well as upon their brethren on the East Bank. All these — those on the East Bank and those in Judea and Samaria — are thus Jordanian citizens.

Opportunities in Jordan

The Palestinian Arabs have in Jordan every opportunity for self-expression. They depend on Jordan — just as Jordan cannot exist without them. There are in Jordan wide spaces that can be developed for the rehabilitation of the Palestinians.

Some 600,000 of the more than 1,000,000 Palestinian Arabs living on the East Bank of the Jordan. For many years now, never less than half of the members of the Jordanian Parliament have been of Palestinian origin, as are the majority of the members of the present Jordanian Cabinet.

Between the Mediterranean Sea and the Eastern Desert, there is room for two states — a Jewish state, and an Arab state — Israel and Jordan. We oppose the establishment of an additional Arab state in the region between Israel and Jordan.

As I have mentioned, there are at least 600,000 citizens of Palestinian origin living on the Eastern Bank of the Jordan River. This population is bound to the Arabs of Judea and Samaria by family ties and by a common origin. For this reason, I am glad that the policy of the open bridges is continuing, a policy that makes it possible to maintain this link between the Arabs of the administered territories and their brethren in Jordan and the Arabs in the neighbouring countries.

During the past two years, about half a million people have crossed those bridges. This figure includes some 210,000 inhabitants of the administered areas who crossed into Jordan for visits to that and other Arab countries, and about 290,000 inhabitants of Arab countries who visited the administered areas and Israel, including 280,000 who came in the framework of the summer visits. The number of Arabs crossing the bridges in both directions is increasing steadily.

We have enacted the policy of the open bridges out of consideration for the needs of the Arabs in Judea and Samaria and their brethren living on the East Bank of the Jordan. One can imagine the suffering and distress caused this population if the bridges were barred, and with them, the opportunity to maintain family contacts and the large-scale exchange of goods between Judea and Samaria, and the East Bank of the Jordan.

Commenting in the Knesset on King Hussein's speech of March 15, 1972, I said: "We have never interfered in the internal structure or nature of the regime of any country. Should the King of Jordan decide to change the name of his kingdom to 'Palestine' or any other name, and to in-

RIGHTS ON CANAL Readers' letters 'BARBARIY'

THE THREE MEN IN A BOAT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In your leader of April 8, you seem inclined to dismiss as a mere stunt the plan of the three Frenchmen to navigate the Suez Canal in a dinghy, apparently because, like others who trafficked through the Canal when open, they would be profiting from their enterprise.

But surely Mr. Deboe, one of the "three men in a boat," raises an important issue when he states: "We have a right to sail down there."

While no one would wish to dispute Egypt's rights to navigation tolls, etc., surely her rights did not extend to blocking arbitrarily, for the second time in a decade, the rights of navigation in the Canal of the international community, in the course of her war against Israel, and keeping it blocked ever since 1967? This Egyptian policy was all the more arbitrary, for while it harmed Israel not at all, it gravely hampered the trade of the international community, to whom Egypt sees no inconsistency in forever turning to pluck her chestnuts out of the fire that her own policy under Nasser had sparked.

That the international community should, all this time, have remained supine about its own rights, while lending a willing ear to Egypt's ceaseless complaints against Israel, who was in no way responsible for blocking the Canal and still less for keeping it indefinitely blocked, is one of the marvels of our century.

All the more credit, therefore, to the imaginative, even if potentially profitable, gesture of the three Frenchmen, whose boat, it is to be hoped, Egypt will permit to pass through the Canal as the first dove of peace.

SAMUEL SOLOMON
Ramat Gan, April 8.

TV PROGRAMMES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I hope that the Israeli TV authorities will not yield to the clamour for "popular" programmes such as Philip Gilson have let us have. Of course, we must improve our programmes, but let us not stifle the national mind with such timed rubbish as "The Avengers."

BOAZ GOLDMAN
Kibbutz Dalia, April 4.

"LA JUIVE"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Listening to the Kol Israel programme in honour of Enrico Caruso 100th birthday on April 9, I was more than ready surprised to hear that the opera "La Juive" had been written by Giacomo Meyerbeer. Meyerbeer wrote many operas, but to the best of my knowledge, the composer of "La Juive" was J.F. Halévy.

DR. ALFRED FRANKENSTEIN
Ramat Gan, April 9.

The poisoning of pets

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I am horrified and disgusted at the act of barbarity of the Jerusalem Municipality in indiscriminately poisoning pets.

I took my Irish setter for her daily run on French Hill (on a leash and not loose) during which she obviously picked up or licked some of the Municipality's "goodies" (strychnine), unnoticed by me. Within an hour, she was in terrible agony, at which time I rushed her to the vet. Thanks to his efficiency, my dog was saved.

Is this the due of an animal to whom much attention love and time is devoted? Do we pay municipal taxes so that those who serve us may poison our pets? Is a dog not safe on a leash anywhere in Jerusalem?

I would suggest that persons who have no love or understanding for animals be removed from positions of responsibility in this department of the Municipality.

L. LAZAR
Jerusalem, March 5.

Jerusalem Municipality replies: Poisoning of strays is carried out because of the increase in the number of reported dog bites, because of which many people have to undergo very painful rabies shots. Warnings were repeatedly and continuously issued that poison was being spread and that dog owners should use extra caution. The poison

THE TEHRAN CHILDREN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Reader Dr. Bernheim referring in his letter of April 7 to the Tehran Children, can rest assured: "something was done" and we had a very heart-warming meeting in Jerusalem. I think I speak not only for myself when I thank all of those who organized the meeting for their thoughtfulness, starting with the greeting when entering Jerusalem and ending with the arrival of envelopes from the post office marked with 30th anniversary stamps.

I agree with Dr. Bernheim that something could be learned from this Altiya, and newcomers should think twice before making so many demands and criticisms.

REDDA ADLER
Tel Aviv, April 7.

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THE BURMA ROAD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Everyone, including school-children, has heard the name of the legendary Burma Road which saved Jerusalem from starvation and ultimate annihilation during the crucial months of its siege in 1948.

But where is it? Only the experts, the very few, seem to know. Why isn't something done to mark at least a short section of it, where it crosses one of the existing main roads? Wouldn't the 25th anniversary of the lifting of the siege (June 1973) be a fitting occasion?

YAJR BASSAN
Kibbutz Haogen, April 2.

DINOSAUR COME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Practically all the old parties in Israel have a share of old timers only see the past and present and whose eyes are to visualize the future. The dinosaurs are not always old, and the old need not be dinosaurs — with not only for mayors, but President, for Knesset men, the Comis and for any who is to represent us if to have a dynamic Israel.

BENJAMIN L. I.
Herzliya, March 24.

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